MR. M. RAMIAH PILLAI: May I know what action was taken in the matter?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: The estimate has been prepared by the Sub-Division Officer, and submitted to the Executive Engineer who will shortly inspect the site and make his report.

Representation for opening a road from Valliad to Kottayam.

50. ❋**MR. A. J. JOHN** (*Vaikam* cum *Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received representation from the people of Valliad, Olesha and other surrounding places, Kottayam taluk praying:

(i) that urgent steps be taken to allow a ferry boat at Puthen *todu* junction where the two rivers meet; and

(ii) to open a road from Valliad to Kottayam?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Yes.

Statement by caste, of the Heads of Departments.

51. ❋**MR. THARIATHU KUNJITHOMMEN** (*Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the present Heads of Departments?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI: *The statement is placed on the table.

Bridge at Nalkalikal.

52. ❋**MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have accorded sanction to construct a bridge at Nalkalikal on the Aranmula-Pandalam road; and

(*b*) the steps taken by the Government in the matter?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The work will be taken up for execution as early as funds permit.

The Puliyoor-Mannar Road.

53. ❋**MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they or the Chief Engineer has considered the question of widening and improving the Puliyoor-Mannar road; and

(*b*) the steps taken by the Government or the department in the matter?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) An estimate for Rs. 6,720 has been prepared and is pending sanction for want of budget grant. Some portions of the road have been improved from the maintenance grant.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know why no provision was made in the budget for the expenditure of this small sum of Rs. 6,720?

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MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: For want of funds.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI:- May I know the nature of the improvements effected on some of the portions of the road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Some amount of widening and levelling has been done.

Ferry boat at the Kanjirakattu bend in the river Pampa.

54. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received a representation dated 25th of Edavam 1112 from the inhabitants of Pandanad east and Pandanad Kottayam *karas* in Tiruvalla taluk for sanctioning ferry boat at the Kanjirakattu bend in the river Pampa just opposite to the newly opened Government school; and

(*b*) the action taken on the representation?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT:

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Chief Engineer is enquiring into it.

The Aykad Bridge.

55. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the date on which the newly constructed Aykad bridge on he Chengannur-Aranmula road was opened for traffic;

(*b*) whether they are aware of the two cracks about 5 inches in width on both sides at the southern end of the bridge; and

(*c*) whether the P. W. D. has taken any steps to avert the danger arising from the defect referred to in part (*b*)?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT:

(*a*) 21-6-1937.

(*b*) The masonry abutment has sunk about $\frac{3}{4}$" and there are cracks on the main abutment and the pilasters.

(*c*) Yes.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: What steps have been taken to repair the bridge?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: We are waiting for the floods to subside to do some roveting work to one approach.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: What will be the approximate cost of such work?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: I cannot say until we decide on the exact nature of the work to be done.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know who was the officer responsible for this loss?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: There is no loss. The fact of the matter is that the abutment on one side had sunk about three-fourth inch. It has nothing to do with the bridge actually. The abutment is ooly a revetment to the approach of the bridge.

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